(c) *Tree Growers' Cooperatives*: Tree Growers' Cooperatives should be organised with the involvement of farmers in raising and distribution of seedlings and in tree plantations.

(d) *Voluntary Agencies*: The grassroots agencies Mahila Mandals, Youth groups would also be motivated in nursery raising and tree plantations.

(e) *Tree Pattas*: Strips of land along roads, rails, canals, etc., and other degraded land should be given to the rural poor, with usufruct rights on the trees planted by them on each lands.

3. *Nodal Agency*:

The State|U.T. Governments have been requested to identify a single nodal agency for ensuring an integrated approach for the implementation of the programme which is being executed by different agencies, official and otherwise.

4. *Seed*:

The States|U.Ts. have been requested to extend the scops of operation of the existing State Seed Corporations to include the production and supply of fodder, grass and legume seeds to farmers on commercial basis.

5. *Leasing of lands*:

The States|U.T. Governments have been requested to prepare guidelines for leasing of forest and non-forest wastelands for afforestation to the rural poor.

6. *Forest based industries*: must be encouraged to afforest wastelands to produce the raw material needed by them. Industries must also be enthused to raise tree cover on wastelands with a view to provide employmeent to the rural poor as well as to enable them to grow trees on a remunerative basis. The State Governments have been requested to draw up guidelines for the lease of wastelands to industries in this behalf.

7. *Urban Fuelwood and Green Belts*:

The States/U.T.s have been requested to ensure that towns and cities have green belts of fuelwood and fodder plantations to cater to the urban fuelwood and fodder needs.

8. *Degraded Forest Areas*:

States have been requested to identify degraded forest lands and to reforest them with fuelwood and fodder species.

9. *Forest Development Corporations*:

The Forest Development Corporations should obtain wastelands on lease from the Government for raising fuelwood and fodder plantations.

10. *Government Departments*:

Government Departments, public sector undertakings and other bodies|institutions having substantial areas of unutilised lands must bring such land under tree cover.

11. *Media and Communication*:

A massive publicity campaign through the traditional media of folk art and culture, radio, television and other audiovisual aids should be undertaken to create awareness among the masses.

12. *Monitoring and Evaluation*:

The States|U.T. Governments should evolve appropriate monitoring and evaluation machanisms to ensure qualitative implementation of the programme.

Scheme for development of wasteland

31. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme under implementation by Government to develop wasteland; and

(b) if so, what is the target earmarked for the year 1986-87?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The target for 1986-87 is 1.66 million hectares.